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## Occupied Germany:

**Communicable Diseases:** Attached as Appendices "A", "B" and "C" are communicable disease reports of cases and death rates by Regierungsbezirk, case rates by Regierungsbezirk for the week ending 26 January 1946.

Gradual increase is noted in number of cases of typhus reported in U.S. Zone. This is comparable but to a lesser degree, to reported increases of typhus, in British Zone. Unconfirmed reports indicate that there are outbreaks of typhus in the Russian Zone as well. With few exceptions the cases of typhus reported in U.S. Zone have occurred among returnees from eastern Europe. No other increases are noted for communicable disease.

Known preventive and control measures have been successfully applied so that there has been no spread within the Zone.

There has been a general downward trend in rates of cases of communicable diseases reported except for scabies. With no soap and hot water available, German authorities have been directed to implement active therapeutic measures to eliminate scabies. The importance of this measures is appreciated because of the rapid increase of scabies among troops and the secondary infection which is inducing deaths among German infants.

**Venereal Disease:** Penicillin treatment of gonorrhea has continued effectively. A total of 14,740 German civilians have been treated at 86 treatment centers operated by the Germans since early in December. For the first time since the occupation there is a slight downward trend of venereal disease among German civilians.

There is a slight increase in tuberculosis in the U.S. Zone. Tuberculosis is considered the most serious problem facing the war against contagious diseases in Baden. Baden reports that only 20 per cent of the known infectious cases of tuberculosis are hospitalized at the present time and lack of adequate hospital space and equipment prevents any enlargement in capacity.

The incidence of diphtheria is showing a downward trend. The diphtheria mortality rate in Baden showed a decrease of approximately 50 per cent.

There is a slight increase in the number of reported cases of typhus within the U.S. Zone. However, all except six of the known cases had been diagnosed in January.

The incidence of typhoid fever and scarlet fever show a downward trend.

No increase in influenza has been noted. An influenza laboratory, which would make possible quick determination of possible epidemic areas and provide the facilities for rapid control, is being established in Stuttgart.

Reports from three Lander indicate that the successful operation and direction of the public health program by the Germans is being seriously impeded by the lack of communications for civilian health officials and lack or absence of passenger and cargo vehicles and motor fuel.

**Nutrition:** With normal consumers averaging 1920 calories per person daily, weights of 90,000 persons show deviations from normal standard average weights ranging from approximately plus two per cent to approximately minus 20 per cent. Serious weight deficits occur only in the aged.

**Hospitalization:** Sufficient hospital beds are in prospect with the major difficulties presented only in obtaining special types, such as for the treatment of tuberculosis.

Greater Hesse reported relief from a shortage of hospital facilities through the recent discharge of prisoner of war patients and prisoner of war medical personnel, with proportional release of hospital facilities in four POW hospitals in Kreis Waldeck and Kreis Frankenberg.



## APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany  
for Week Ending 26 January 1946

| Regierungs-<br>Bezirk         | Popu-<br>lation | Cases, Deaths | Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE |                 |          |         |        |           |            |               |                                 |                    |                |                             |               |           |           |         |                   |                         |                         |                |                     |           | c: cases | d: deaths |         |                          |         |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---|-----------------|----------|---------|--------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                               |                 |               | Typhus Fever<br>louse borne                                     | Relapsing Fever | Smallpox | Cholera | Plague | Anthrax   | Diphtheria | Scarlet Fever | Tuberculosis lung<br>and larynx | Tuberculosis other | Whooping Cough | Meningitis<br>meningococcus | Poliomyelitis | Gonorrhea | Syphilis  | Typhoid | Paratyphoid Fever | Dysentery<br>infectious | Bact. Food<br>poisoning | Undulant Fever | Infectious jaundice | Scabies   |          |           | Rabies  | Encephalitis<br>epidemic | Malaria | Influenza | Measles | Mumps |
| Kassel                        | 1,090,205       | c             | 1   | —               | —        | —       | —      | 53<br>4   | 21<br>—    | 39<br>12      | 7<br>—                          | *                  | 1<br>—         | —                           | 176<br>—      | 51<br>—   | 3<br>1    | 2<br>—  | —                 | —                       | —                       | —              | *                   | 145<br>—  | —        | —         | —       | —                        | *       | *         | x       |       |
| Wiesbaden                     | 1,313,985       | c             | —   | —               | —        | —       | —      | 94<br>3   | 14<br>1    | 45<br>19      | 6<br>1                          | 10<br>—            | 1<br>—         | —                           | 349<br>—      | 81<br>—   | 17<br>2   | —       | —                 | —                       | —                       | —              | *                   | *         | 5<br>—   | —         | —       | —                        | *       | *         | *       | *     |
| Hessen                        | 1,085,494       | c             | —   | —               | —        | —       | —      | 113<br>4  | 26<br>—    | 50<br>6       | 5<br>—                          | 40<br>—            | 1<br>—         | —                           | *             | *         | 6<br>—    | —       | —                 | —                       | —                       | —              | 21<br>493           | —         | —        | —         | 1<br>37 | 3                        | *       | *         | *       | *     |
| Württemberg                   | 1,903,157       | c             | 2   | —               | —        | —       | —      | 114<br>3  | 18<br>—    | 42<br>14      | 12<br>—                         | 56<br>—            | —              | —                           | 161<br>—      | 77<br>—   | 35<br>1   | 4<br>—  | —                 | —                       | 3<br>—                  | —              | *                   | 91<br>—   | —        | —         | —       | —                        | *       | *         | *       | *     |
| Baden                         | 1,076,740       | c             | —   | —               | —        | —       | —      | 94<br>6   | 11<br>—    | 44<br>8       | 7<br>4                          | 8<br>—             | 2<br>—         | —                           | *             | *         | 6<br>2    | 1<br>—  | 2<br>—            | 1<br>—                  | —                       | —              | *                   | *         | —        | —         | —       | —                        | *       | *         | *       | *     |
| Schwaben                      | 1,065,143       | c             | 1   | —               | —        | —       | —      | 34<br>2   | 9<br>—     | 16<br>15      | 5<br>2                          | —                  | 1<br>—         | —                           | 131<br>—      | 28<br>1   | 9<br>—    | —       | 3<br>—            | —                       | —                       | —              | *                   | *         | —        | —         | —       | —                        | *       | *         | *       | *     |
| Oberbayern                    | 2,056,301       | c             | 1   | —               | —        | —       | —      | 95<br>8   | 17<br>—    | 45<br>7       | 7<br>—                          | 10<br>—            | 4<br>—         | 1<br>—                      | 240<br>—      | 48<br>—   | 11<br>1   | 1<br>—  | —                 | —                       | —                       | —              | *                   | 68<br>—   | 1<br>—   | —         | —       | 32                       | *       | *         | *       | *     |
| Niederbayern<br>and Oberpfalz | 2,047,792       | c             | —   | —               | —        | —       | —      | 23<br>3   | 4<br>—     | 18<br>5       | 6<br>—                          | 2<br>—             | —              | —                           | 33<br>—       | 6<br>2    | 11<br>—   | —       | —                 | —                       | —                       | —              | *                   | 72<br>—   | —        | —         | 5       | *                        | *       | *         | *       | *     |
| Ober- and<br>Mittelfranken    | 2,157,602       | c             | 3   | —               | —        | —       | —      | 124<br>3  | 22<br>—    | 47<br>32      | 7<br>2                          | 13<br>1            | 2<br>—         | 1<br>—                      | 280<br>—      | 81<br>—   | 34<br>11  | 2<br>—  | 2<br>—            | —                       | —                       | —              | *                   | 284<br>—  | —        | —         | —       | *                        | 2       | *         | *       | *     |
| Mainfranken                   | 931,638         | c             | —   | —               | —        | —       | —      | 42<br>7   | 6<br>—     | 33<br>6       | 2<br>—                          | 14<br>—            | —              | —                           | 22<br>—       | 16<br>—   | 13<br>—   | 1<br>—  | —                 | —                       | —                       | —              | 1<br>83             | —         | —        | 23        | 1       | *                        | *       | *         | *       | *     |
| Bremen \$                     |                 | c             | —   | —               | —        | —       | —      | 71<br>3   | 11<br>—    | 8<br>5        | —                               | *                  | 1<br>—         | —                           | 139<br>—      | 31<br>—   | 6<br>—    | —       | —                 | —                       | —                       | —              | *                   | 176<br>—  | —        | —         | —       | *                        | *       | *         | *       | *     |
| Berlin                        | 931,965         | c             | 6   | —               | —        | —       | —      | 116<br>7  | 15<br>—    | 67<br>49      | —                               | *                  | —              | —                           | 167<br>—      | 46<br>—   | 56<br>10  | —       | 7<br>1            | —                       | —                       | —              | *                   | *         | —        | —         | *       | *                        | *       | *         | *       | *     |
| TOTAL \$                      | 15,660,022      | c             | 13  | —               | —        | —       | —      | 902<br>50 | 163<br>1   | 446<br>173    | 64<br>9                         | 153<br>1           | 11<br>3        | 2                           | 1559<br>—     | 434<br>1  | 201<br>30 | 11<br>— | 14<br>1           | 4<br>—                  | —                       | —              | 22<br>—             | 1236<br>— | 1<br>—   | 6<br>—    | 97<br>— | 6<br>—                   | —       | —         | —       | —     |

\* No data submitted.

X Delinquent Report — data received by telephone.

g Bremen included in report from British Zone; not included in totals on this report.

# APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 26 January 1946

| Land              | Popu-<br>lation | Cases, Deaths | Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE c: cases d: deaths |                 |          |         |        |           |            |               |                       |            |                |                             |               |           |          |               |             |                         |                         |                |                     |         |          |                       |         |           |         |        |        |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|--|-----------------|----------|---------|--------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------|----------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|
|                   |                 |               | Typhus Fever<br>house borne  | Relapsing Fever | Smallpox | Cholera | Plague | Anthrax   | Diphtheria | Scarlet Fever | Tbc. lung<br>& larynx | Tbc. other | Whooping Cough | Meningitis<br>meningococcus | Poliomyelitis | Gonorrhea | Syphilis | Typhoid Fever | Paratyphoid | Dysentery<br>infectious | Bact. Food<br>Poisoning | Undulant Fever | Infectious Jaundice | Scabies | Rabies   | Encephalitis epidemic | Malaria | Influenza | Measles | Mumps  |        |
| Greater Hesse     | 3,489,684       | c 5<br>p 1    | —<br>1   | —<br>—          | —<br>—   | —<br>—  | —<br>— | 260<br>11 | 61<br>1    | 134<br>37     | 18<br>1               | 50<br>—    | 3<br>—         | —<br>—                      | 525<br>—      | 132<br>—  | 26<br>3  | 2<br>—        | —<br>—      | —<br>—                  | —<br>—                  | —<br>—         | —<br>—              | —<br>—  | 638<br>— | —<br>—                | —<br>—  | 1<br>—    | 37<br>— | 3<br>— | —<br>— |
| Baden Württemberg | 2,979,897       | c 2<br>p 1    | 2<br>—   | —<br>—          | —<br>—   | —<br>—  | —<br>— | 208<br>9  | 29<br>—    | 86<br>22      | 19<br>4               | 64<br>—    | 2<br>—         | —<br>—                      | 161<br>—      | 77<br>—   | 41<br>3  | 1<br>—        | 5<br>—      | —<br>—                  | 4<br>—                  | —<br>—         | —<br>—              | —<br>—  | 91<br>—  | —<br>—                | —<br>—  | —<br>—    | 1<br>—  | —<br>— | —<br>— |
| Bavaria           | 8,258,476       | c 5<br>p 1    | 5<br>—   | —<br>—          | —<br>—   | —<br>—  | —<br>— | 318<br>23 | 58<br>—    | 159<br>65     | 27<br>4               | 39<br>1    | 6<br>3         | 2<br>1                      | 706<br>—      | 179<br>1  | 78<br>14 | 4<br>—        | 5<br>—      | —<br>—                  | —<br>—                  | —<br>—         | —<br>—              | —<br>—  | 507<br>— | —<br>—                | 1<br>—  | —<br>—    | 60<br>— | 3<br>— | —<br>— |
| Bremen            | 460,019         | c 5<br>p 1    | —<br>—   | —<br>—          | —<br>—   | —<br>—  | —<br>— | 71<br>3   | 11<br>—    | 8<br>5        | —<br>—                | *<br>—     | 1<br>—         | —<br>—                      | 139<br>—      | 31<br>—   | 6<br>—   | —<br>—        | —<br>—      | —<br>—                  | —<br>—                  | —<br>—         | —<br>—              | —<br>—  | 176<br>— | —<br>—                | —<br>—  | —<br>—    | 40<br>— | —<br>— | —<br>— |
| Berlin            | 931,965         | c 6<br>p 1    | 6<br>1   | —<br>—          | —<br>—   | —<br>—  | —<br>— | 116<br>7  | 15<br>—    | 67<br>49      | —<br>—                | *<br>—     | —<br>—         | —<br>—                      | 167<br>—      | 46<br>—   | 56<br>10 | —<br>—        | 7<br>1      | —<br>—                  | —<br>—                  | —<br>—         | —<br>—              | —<br>—  | —<br>—   | —<br>—                | —<br>—  | —<br>—    | —<br>—  | —<br>— | —<br>— |

Rates Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

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| Greater Hesse     | 3,489,684 | 0.15 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 38.74 | 9.09  | 19.97 | 2.68 | 7.45  | 0.45 | —    | 78.23 | 19.67 | 3.87  | 0.30 | —    | —    | — | — | 95.06  | —    | — | 0.15 | 5.14  | 0.45 | — |
| Baden Württemberg | 2,979,897 | 0.35 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 36.40 | 5.08  | 15.1  | 3.33 | 11.20 | 0.35 | *    | 28.18 | 13.48 | 7.18  | 0.18 | 0.88 | 0.70 | — | — | 15.93  | —    | — | —    | 0.18  | —    | — |
| Bavaria           | 8,258,476 | 0.31 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 20.03 | 3.65  | 10.02 | 1.70 | 2.46  | 0.38 | 0.13 | 44.48 | 11.28 | 4.91  | 0.25 | 0.32 | —    | — | — | 31.04  | 0.06 | — | 3.78 | 0.19  | —    | — |
| Bremen            | 460,019   | —    | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 80.23 | 12.43 | 9.04  | —    | —     | —    | —    | 157.1 | 35.03 | 6.78  | —    | —    | —    | — | — | 198.88 | —    | — | —    | 45.20 | —    | — |
| Berlin            | 931,965   | 3.35 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 64.73 | 8.37  | 37.39 | —    | —     | —    | —    | 93.19 | 25.67 | 31.29 | —    | 3.91 | —    | — | — | —      | —    | — | —    | —     | —    | — |

\* No data submitted.



## APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany  
for Week Ending 26 January 1946

| Regierungs-<br>Bezirk         | Popu-<br>lation | Typhus Fever | Relapsing Fever | Smallpox | Cholera | Plague | Anthrax | Diphtheria | Scarlet<br>Fever | Tuberculosis lung<br>& larynx | Tuberculosis other | Whooping<br>Cough | Meningitis<br>meningococcus | Gonorrhea | Syphilis | Typhoid Fever | Paratyphoid | Dysentery infectious | Bact. Food Poisoning | Undulant Fever | Infectious<br>Jaundice | Scabies | Rabies | Encephalitis<br>epidemic | Malaria | Influenza | Measles | Mumps |   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|--------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|---|
| Kassel                        | 1,090,205       | —            | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 25.28      | 10.02            | 18.60                         | 3.34               | *                 | 0.48                        | —         | 83.95    | 24.33         | 1.430.95    | —                    | —                    | —              | —                      | 69.17   | —      | —                        | —       | *         | *       | *     |   |
| Wiesbaden                     | 1,313,985       | —            | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 37.22      | 5.54             | 17.82                         | 2.37               | 3.96              | 0.39                        | —         | 138.03   | 32.07         | 6.73        | —                    | —                    | —              | *                      | *       | —      | —                        | 1.98    | *         | *       | *     |   |
| Hessen                        | 1,085,494       | —            | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 54.13      | 12.95            | 23.95                         | 2.40               | 19.16             | 0.48                        | —         | *        | *             | 2.87        | —                    | —                    | —              | 10.06                  | 236.15  | —      | —                        | 0.48    | 17.72     | 1.43    | *     |   |
| Württemberg                   | 1,903,157       | 0.55         | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 31.12      | 4.91             | 11.47                         | 3.28               | 15.29             | —                           | —         | 43.95    | 21.02         | 9.56        | 1.09                 | 0.82                 | 0.55           | —                      | *       | 24.89  | —                        | —       | 0.27      | *       | *     |   |
| Baden                         | 1,076,740       | —            | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 45.40      | 5.31             | 21.25                         | 3.38               | 3.06              | 0.96                        | —         | *        | *             | 2.90        | 0.48                 | 0.96                 | 0.48           | —                      | *       | *      | —                        | —       | *         | *       | *     |   |
| Schwaben                      | 1,065,143       | 0.48         | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 16.60      | 4.39             | 7.81                          | 2.44               | —                 | 0.48                        | —         | 63.93    | 13.66         | 4.39        | —                    | 1.46                 | —              | —                      | *       | *      | —                        | —       | *         | *       | *     |   |
| Oberbayern                    | 2,056,301       | 0.25         | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 24.04      | 4.30             | 11.40                         | 1.77               | 2.53              | 1.01                        | 0.25      | 60.72    | 12.14         | 2.78        | 0.25                 | —                    | —              | *                      | 17.20   | —      | 0.25                     | —       | 8.10      | *       | *     |   |
| Niederbayern<br>and Oberpfalz | 2,047,792       | —            | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 5.84       | 1.02             | 4.57                          | 1.52               | 0.51              | —                           | —         | 8.38     | 1.52          | 2.78        | —                    | —                    | —              | *                      | 18.29   | —      | —                        | —       | 1.27      | *       | *     |   |
| Ober- and<br>Mittelfranken    | 2,157,602       | 0.72         | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 29.88      | 5.30             | 11.38                         | 1.69               | 3.13              | 0.24                        | 0.24      | 67.48    | 19.52         | 8.20        | 0.48                 | 0.48                 | —              | *                      | 68.44   | —      | —                        | —       | 0.48      | *       | *     |   |
| Mainfranken                   | 931,638         | —            | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 23.43      | 3.35             | 18.41                         | 1.12               | 7.81              | —                           | —         | 12.28    | 8.93          | 7.25        | 0.56                 | —                    | —              | 0.56                   | 46.31   | —      | —                        | —       | 12.83     | 0.56    | *     |   |
| Bremen §                      |                 | —            | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 80.23      | 12.43            | 9.04                          | —                  | *                 | —                           | —         | 157.13   | 35.03         | 6.78        | —                    | —                    | —              | *                      | 198.88  | —      | —                        | —       | 45.20     | *       | *     |   |
| Berlin                        | 931,965         | —            | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 64.73      | 8.37             | 37.39                         | —                  | *                 | —                           | —         | 93.19    | 25.67         | 31.29       | —                    | 3.91                 | —              | *                      | *       | —      | —                        | *       | *         | *       | *     |   |
| Total §                       | 15,660,022      | 0.46         | —               | —        | —       | —      | —       | 29.16      | 5.38             | 14.72                         | 2.11               | 5.05              | 0.36                        | 0.07      | 51.45    | 14.32         | 6.30        | 0.36                 | 0.46                 | 0.13           | —                      | 0.73    | 40.19  | —                        | 0.03    | 0.2       | 3.23    | 0.2   | * |

\* No data submitted. (Rates expressed as per 10,000 population per annum.)

§ Bremen included in report from British Zone, not included in totals on this report.



